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Hazim Oktay Baser
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Dear brother Hazim Oktay Baser,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

I am very pleased to learn that Milli Gazete is celebrating the 539th anniversary of the conquest of Istanbul by Sultan Muhammad the Conqueror on Friday 29 May 1992 and that our highly respected brother Professor Dr Necmettin Erbakan will grace the occasion.

The conquest of Istanbul by Sultan Muhammad Fateh was an event of great historical significance. I am sure the celebrations will inspire not only the Muslim people of Turkey, especially its youth, but also Muslims world-wide and arouse in them a powerful motivation to rise and once again revive the glory that was the hallmark of Islam, by emulating Sultan Muhammad the Conqueror.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Profesor Dr Erbakan, his colleagues, Milli Gazete and the Muslim people of Turkey are making a very valuable contribution to the resurgence of Islam in Turkey, which has been the citidel of Islam for several centuries. I am confident that, by the grace of Allah, under the stewardship of Muslim brothers the Islamic movement in Turkey will go on growing from strength to strength and will soon become an example for other Muslim countries to follow.

I should have been delighted to accept your kind invitation and participate in the ceremony. However, I very much regret that I shall not be able to do so. I wish the event every success.

My best wishes, and may Allah bless you.

Yours sincerely,

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